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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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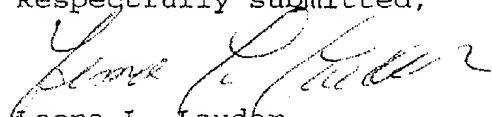
Sir:

This letter is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) on December 12, 2003 with a one month shortened statutory period for response. Applicants respectfully respond to the Restriction Requirement by electing with traverse Group I, that is "Claims 22, 23, 30-31, 36-38, 42-43, 46-48 and 52, drawn to anti-idiotypic antibody to an antibody that binds an MN protein, classified in class 530, subclass 387.2."

In making that election, Applicants reserve their right under 35 USC § 121 to file subsequent divisional application(s) to protect the invention commensurate with the scope as originally filed.

If the Examiner feels that prosecution of this application could be expedited in any way by talking to the Attorney for the Applicants, Applicants respectfully invite the Examiner to call the undersigned at (415) 981-2034.

Respectfully submitted,


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